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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: William Messenger, Chief Pre-Remedial Unit
FROM: Nathan Russell, FIT Team Leader
DATE: August 17, 1990
SUBJECT: Illinois/F05-8612-051/FIL0476SB
Chicago/Lausten Lead Works
ILD980704514

Lausten Lead Works' (Lausten) parent company, NL Industries of Hightstown, NJ, submitted an EPA 103(c) Notification of Hazardous Waste site form for the Lausten site on June 12, 1981. The Notification listed the site as being a military/ammunition operation that generated inorganics and heavy metals (based on presumed storage of lead wastes) and stated that they handled waste from 1906 to 1927. The 1900 and 1909 Classified Phone Directories list Lausten as involved in the "lead pipe and sheet lead business".

The population within a 3-mile radius of the site obtains its drinking water from the city of Chicago which draws from Lake Michigan. Industrial wells within 3 miles of the site may still be used but many industries have switched to city water. There are no possible pathways to surface water in the area of the site.

A drive-by of the Lausten site indicated that the site and its vicinity is covered by buildings and streets and very little soil was observed in the area of the site.

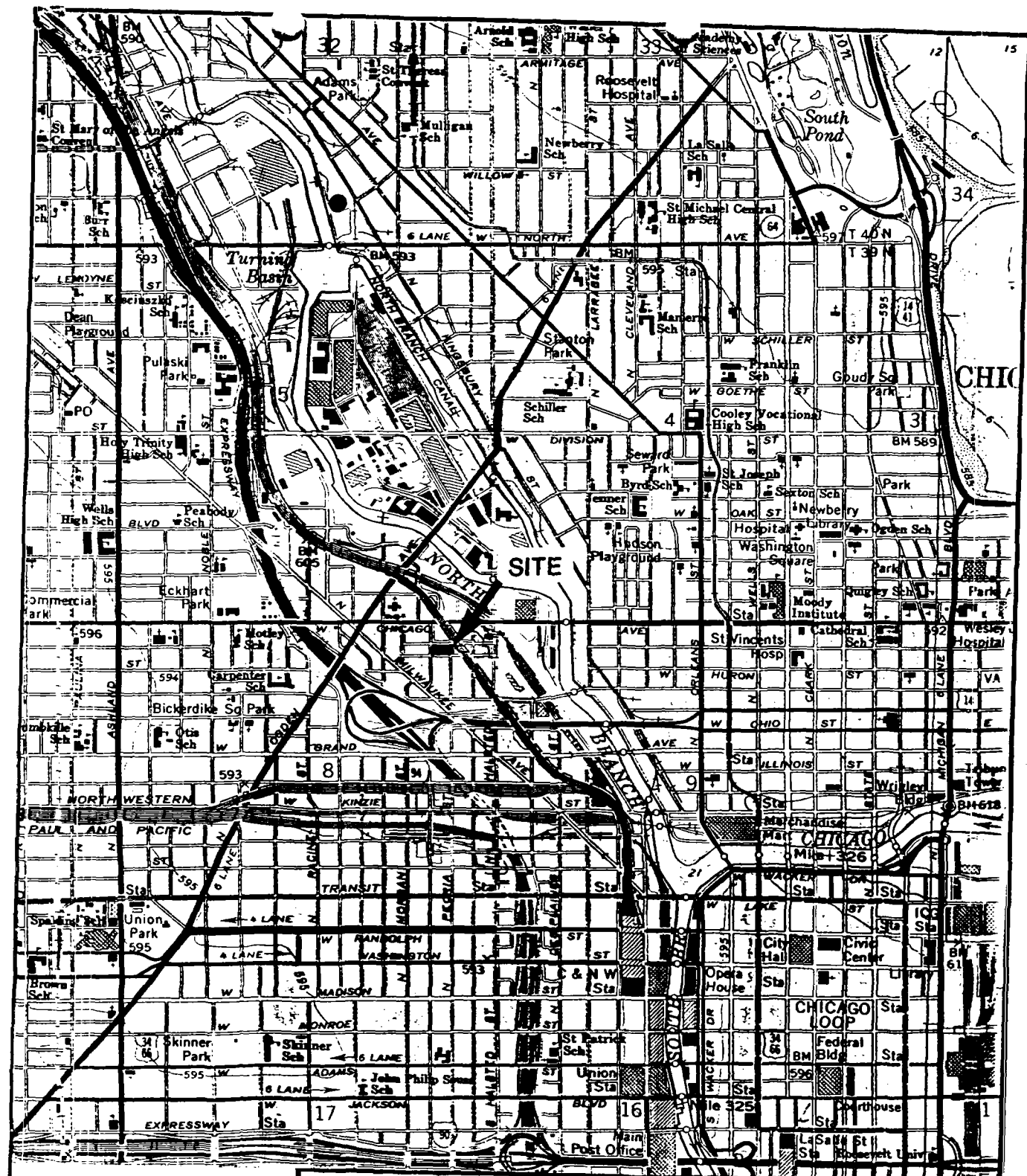
FIT recommends that no further action is needed at the Lausten site.

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TITLE SITE LOCATION MAP		FIGURE 1
SITE LAUSTEN LEAD WORKS		SCALE 1:24,000
CITY CHICAGO	STATE ILLINOIS	P.A.E. FIL0476SB
SOURCE USGS TOPOGRAPHIC MAP		DATE 1963
		REVISED 1972